

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Berton L. VicarsApplication No./Patent No.: 7,172,175Filed/Issue Date: February 6, 2007Titled: SUCTION VALVEGardner Denver, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_, a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature

James B. Conte

Printed or Typed Name

August 26, 2009

Date

Attorney for Applicant

Title

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WHEREAS, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Berton L. Vicars, a resident of Texas and Chaparral Machine & Manufacturing, Inc., a Texas corporation, (hereinafter Assignors) have and do hereby assign, transfer, sell and set over to Gardner Denver, Inc., (hereinafter Assignee), a Delaware corporation, any and all rights, title and interest Assignors have, jointly and/or individually, in and to the inventions described in the U.S. patent applications attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The rights, title and interests in the inventions which have and are hereby assigned, transferred, sold and set over to Gardner Denver, Inc. include without limitation all right, title and interest in and to the U.S. patent applications listed on Exhibit A and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention as well as all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions and reissues thereof, and any Letters Patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention that may issue and therefor, and any and all extensions, reissues or certificates of reexamination of said Letters Patent, including the right of priority and the subject matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf, and for the use and behalf of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States, territories and foreign countries are or may be granted, extended, reissued or reexamined.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands.

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September 23, 2003

Berton L. Vicars  
BERTON L. VICARS, An Authorized Officer

Berton L. Vicars  
BERTON L. VICARS, an Individual on his own behalf

## SCHEDULE A

Application Number	Title	Filing Date
1. 10/173,837	Fluid End	June 19, 2002
2. 10/115,017	Discharge Valve	April 4, 2002
3. 10/135,369	Connecting Rod Bearing	May 1, 2002
4. 10/114,356	Suction Valve	April 3, 2002
5. 10/121,614	Connecting Rod	April 15, 2002
6. 10/173,669	Pressure Relief Valve	June 19, 2002
7. 10/430,008	Rod-Guided Crosshead Assembly	May 6, 2003
8. 10/441,159	Fluid End Assembly	May 20, 2003